GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR&RD Department - Allegations of irregularities in execution of works under NREGS Scheme taken up in plain areas of Visakhapatnam District – Disciplinary proceedings against Sri K.B.K. Prasad, the then MEO, Padmanabham under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Article of Charges – Orders - Issued.

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PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 684 **Dated: 11-07-2016**
Read the following:

1. DG, GA (V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No.32 (C.No.685/V&E/E2/2013), Dt.27.11.2014.

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ORDER:-

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri K.B.K. Prasad, the then Mandal Engineering Officer, Padmanabham, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charges (Annexure-I and II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure III and IV).

3. Sri K.B.K. Prasad, the then Mandal Engineering Officer, Padmanabham, is directed to submit a Written statement of his defence within 10 days of the receipt of this order.

4. Sri K.B.K. Prasad, the then Mandal Engineering Officer, Padmanabham, is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri K.B.K. Prasad, the then Mandal Engineering Officer, Padmanabham, is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex parte.

6. Attention of Sri K.B.K. Prasad, the then Mandal Engineering Officer, Padmanabham, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matter pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings it will be presumed Sri K.B.K. Prasad, the then Mandal Engineering Officer, Padmanabham, is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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7. The receipt of the order be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.K.S.JAWAHAR REDDY
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (PR)

To
Sri K.B.K. Prasad, the then Mandal Engineering Officer, Padmanabham, **through** Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Engineer in Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad (with a request to serve the charges to the individual and furnish a served copy to Government).
SF/SC.

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Annexure – I

Statement showing the article of charges framed against Sri K.B.K.Prasad, Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Padmanabham

Charge-1

That Sri K.B.K.Prasad, Mandal Engineering Officer has involved in allegations of irregularities in execution of the work Road from Anantavaram-Alamanda R&B road to Tunipolam by recording the inferior quality of items without conducting any quality checks causing loss to the Government funds to a tune of Rs.1,41,428/-.

By his above mentioned act, Sri K.B.K. Prasad, the then Mandal Engineering Officer, Padmanabham failed to discharge his duties, lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby contravened Rules, 3(1) and 3(2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (PR)

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ANNEXURE-II

Statement of imputations of misconduct in support of Article of Charges framed against Sri K.B.K.Prasad, Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Padmanabham.

The Vigilance & Enforcement Department vide their report No.32(C.No.685/V&E/E2/2013), dt.27-11-2014 has verified the works taken up under MGNREGS in plain areas of Visakhapatnam District from 26-11-2013 to 04-12-2013 and made the following observations for the following work:

Work No.3:Road from Anantavaram-Alamanda, R&B road to Tunipolam

The work was technically sanctioned vide DR No.75/11-12, dt.12-01-2012 for Rs.25.00 lakhs of EE, PRI, Visakhapatnam under MGNREGS grant.

Findings of the V&E

i. As per the NREGS guidelines the maximum length of CD work to be executed is 6.00mt only where as the vented cause way constructed in this work stood around 25.00m length, costing Rs.9.60 lakhs against the total sanctioned cost of Rs.25.00 lakhs which is 38% of sanctioned value.

ii. The strength of M 30 grade for CC causeway is not satisfying the required strength criteria and hence liable for rejection. An amount of Rs.1,41,428/- is proposed as recovery.

iii. Cement purchase bills were observed to be fake and fabricated. The Executive Engineer, PRI, Visakhapatnam passed the bills without proper scrutiny of the vouchers & bills.

iv. The type of discrepancies in the muster rolls indicate that the musters were not taken in the field as supposed to be and are take and fabricated.

v. It is clearly evident that the field officers are getting the works done through the regular contractor under the guise of supply of materials and skilled labour to the works which is not correct.

vi. The Executive Engineer, PRI, Visakhapatnam failed to check measure the work as per codal provisions and issued pass order for release of payment without ensuring the quality of work executed.

Recovery proposed

Name & Designation	Name of the work	Item proposed for recovery	Recovery Amount (Rs.)
K.B.K.Prasad, MEO	Road from Anantavaram-Alamanda R&B road to Tunipolam	Rejection of M30 grade concrete for CC pavement	1,41,428
		Grand Total	1,41,428

The individual has deviated the office procedure for his personal gain and allowed the following in violation of APCS rules.

i. Recording the inferior quality of items without conducting any quality checks causing revenue loss of Rs.1,41,428/- to the Government exchequer.

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ii. Forwarding fabricated muster & purchase bills for payment without proper scrutiny

iii. Executing 25.0m length vented cause way violating the norms of NREGS

iv. Forwarding fabricated muster & bills for payment

By his above mentioned act, Sri K.B.K. Prasad, the then Mandal Engineering Officer, Padmanabham failed to discharge his duties, lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby contravened Rules, 3(1) and 3(2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE – III

List of documents by which the articles of charges framed against Sri K.B.K.Prasad, Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Padmanabham are proposed to be sustained.

1. Vigilance Report No.32 (C.No.685/V&E/E2/2013), dt.27-11-2014 of Vigilance & Enforcement Department.

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ANNEXURE – IV

List of witnesses by whom the articles of charges framed against Sri K.B.K.Prasad, Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Padmanabham are proposed to be sustained.

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